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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO.

TOPIC FINOW Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1A
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REFERENCES

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1. A Soviet Air Force radio station was observed on the highway at the eastern edge of FINOWFURT (N 53/2 98) (see Annex 1). One of the [REDACTED] with a dipole system. The [REDACTED] a generator in operation. The estate near the radio station was occupied by Soviets.** 25X1A 25X1A

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2. Thirty-eight fighters and six biplanes were parked on the northern edge of the FINOW airfield, +

Description of fighters:

In-line engine, three-bladed propeller, elliptical wings, elliptical elevator assembly, section of fuselage aft of wings twice that forward of wings, mounted cockpit reaching from center of wing chord to aft of trailing edge.

Three biplanes were observed landing; no other flying noted.

3. Estate northwest of the field, a short distance from FINOWFURT on the road to FINOW, was occupied by Soviets. Motor vehicles were seen in some of its garages. Three trucks leaving the estate [REDACTED] A25X1A radio truck with extended antenna, and two direction-finders were observed in a meadow west of the estate (see Annex 2)+++. The antenna system of the higher direction finder had many small white insulation buttons. Switches and buttons were seen on the other set, not far away.

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Comment:

Confirms the occupation of the field by a fighter unit. From the number of aircraft counted, a regiment seems to be located there. This regiment was previously stationed in BRAUNBURG-ARADO, and was equipped with Yak-3s, as stated.

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The [REDACTED] It is assumed that source was in error and that the [REDACTED] was actually concerned. This series is assigned to SMA units. It has frequently been observed that radio trucks with air force personnel were attached to SMA units.

+++ The radar set which has been sketched in a rather primitive way is probably the same as that described in two other reports Ø. The location of this radar post with two different sets seems to change from time to time, but these changes do not seem to be connected with the varying landing directions. Capacity, frequency, and type designation of the set are unknown. From the fact that the set was not transferred with the bomber units previously stationed at the field, it may be inferred that it is a radar set employed for flight traffic control purposes at the FINOW airfield or a set used for the control of fighter aircraft within the framework of the air defense system.

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- 2 Annexes: (1) Soviet Air Force Radio Station near FINOWFURT
(2) Diagrams of the Two Radar Sets Observed near FINOWFURT.

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